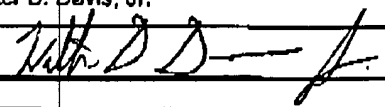


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Application Number: 09/517,186
	Filing Date: March 2, 2000
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	Group Art Unit: 2684
	Examiner: T. Lele
	Attorney Docket Number: 05225.0186
	Attorney Customer Number: 22,852
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.	
Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14885 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.	
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i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____.	
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on ____.	
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a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)	
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i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for extension of time for (1 Month) \$110.00	
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